President.—Suppose it is located at Kumbalanghi, will it then be accessible to the public ?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Even then there will be a lot of trouble, and people from the other places may not be able to use it, as they will find it difficult. My point is that a greater proportion of the people should be able to use it, and it is in such a place that the Hospital should be located.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Dispensary was originally started by receiving contributions from the people of Kandakkadavu and Andikkadavu for locating it there.

President.—I think the principal villages there are Chellanam and Kumbalanghi.

Diwan Bahadar Dr. V. Verghese.—Even, if the Dispensary is shifted to Kumbalanghi, there will be the same difficulty. The people will have to cross the bunds, as Kumbalanghi is separated from the mainland.

President.—Is there scope for a dispensary at Kumbalanghi ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Kumbalanghi has a population of nearly 25,000 people.

President.—Suppose we establish an Ayurvedic Dispensary there?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—But the people have no confidence in it.

President.—You please bring up this question on some other occasion. We shall proceed.

423. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—If the Government has ascertained the reasons, will the Government be pleased to state whether the present locality of the Dispensary has anything to do in the matter, and if so, will the Government be pleased to further state whether the Government will be pleased to take immediate action in the matter of shifting it to a more central place in the village ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Government consider that the present location of the Dispensary is central for the area served by the Dispensary.

The appointment of Dr. T. Verghese in the General Hospital.

424. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(a) Was not Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao sent to England for training in Ophthalmology ?

(b) Why was he not given that work in preference to one who has no special qualification in that line ?

(c) Has anybody in the service complained against the appointment of Dr. T. Verghese as additional (Civil) Surgeon on the ground that his claims have been overlooked ? If so, will the Government be pleased to place the complaint on the table ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao went to England at his own instance for higher studies in Europe.

(b) The member is referred to the explanation of the case given during the budget session of the Council (vide page 772 of the *Legislative Council Proceedings* of the budget session).

(c) One complaint was received from Assistant Surgeon Mr. C. L. Joseph, copy of which is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—I want to know whether what is mentioned in para 3 of Appendix VIII, in the petition of Mr. C. L. Joseph, is a fact ?

President—After all, when did he return from England ?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—I do not know. I want to know whether the promise is a written or an oral one, and whether the promise was made by any responsible officer and on what date he returned from England.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I think he returned in 1099. There is no record to show that such a promise had been made.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Is it not a fact that he was given a promise ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—By whom ?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Did the officer who received the petition make any enquiry about the reasons given in the petition ?

President.—The member in charge says that there is no official record.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—So am I to take it that there was no promise ?

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President.—He can only be guided by what is seen in papers, and if the papers do not show any such thing, what is he to do?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Is there any record to show whether the officer who received the petition made any inquiries about the reasonableness and importance of the petition?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have inquired into the records, and there is none on record.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—When such a statement appears, is it not the duty of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to look into the records and to see whether a promise has been made?

President.—Suppose he looks into the records and finds no papers relating to the promise?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—May I know whether any enquiries were made or any steps taken to see whether the allegations made by the subordinate were correct? Was the case of Mr. C. L. Joseph taken into consideration when the appointment of Dr. T. Verghese was made?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, it was considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Then may I know why he was not appointed?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He had no X-ray training.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Is Dr. T. Verghese in charge of the X- ray Department?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Varghese.—At present the X-ray apparatus is not fitted up, and when it is fitted up, he will be put in charge of the same. Now, even the building for the purpose is not handed over.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to enlighten the House as to the period of training required to have a sufficient knowledge in handling the X-ray apparatus of the General Hospital, Ernakulam?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V Verghese.—About 6 months will be enough. But to be an expert in that line, more than a year is necessary. That depends upon requirements.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Had Dr. Verghese any training?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, he had this training in England.

Mr. E Ikkanda Wariar.—Did the Chief Medical Officer ask any of his other subordinates who were in the service at that time to undergo training in the X-ray Department at Madras ? If not, why not and why was Dr. T. Verghese preferred ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—We wanted a qualified man. We cannot employ any one who has no knowledge of the kind required for the post.

Mr E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Was there a machine when he was appointed? Was there any immediate necessity to appoint him before beginning work ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The necessary apparatus had to be got down, and a man who knew about it was necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—What all directions are necessary for the putting up of the apparatus? Is it for that that he was first appointed ?

President.—Before the apparatus was actually got down, some preliminary work previous to it had to be done.

Mr. E Ikkanda Wariar.—Has the Government given any reply to the petition of Mr. C. L. Joseph, and if so, what was the reply ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government replied that it was recorded.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—This is a question personally affecting the Head of the Department, and it is indeed hard, if he is made to answer that. This is a question directly affecting the appointment of Dr. T. Verghese, his son. It is rather too delicate, if the Head of the same Department is made to answer such questions. It is an irony of circumstances that Dr. V. Verghese himself had to answer these. It would be better, if the Secretary to the Government is made to answer such questions.

President.—Dr. Verghese is answering for the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—He answers these questions not in the capacity of Dr. Verghese but in the capacity of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I only say it will be more fair, if some other Government officer is asked to answer these questions. I mean to say this for future guidance.

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President.—I am here in my capacity as President. Even then I may have to do something in my capacity as Diwan. Such things are unavoidable.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I think it is a delicate position indeed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Suppose we are asking questions which refer to a particular department. My friend's point is that matters affecting the person of the Head of a particular Department may be better answered with greater propriety, if somebody answers for him. We have got various Heads of Departments, and various questions will have to be asked concerning the administrative orders they have passed. If we want to avoid this, we have to appoint Ministers.

President.—Do you support Mr. Puduval ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Certainly not, Sir.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Was not a Sub-Assistant Surgeon sent recently to Madras for X-ray training ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not officially.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Has anybody in the service gone to Madras for studying X-ray ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A Sub-Assistant Surgeon took 4 months' leave, and went to Madras, and utilised his leave in attending the Ophthalmic Hospital there, and went to the X-ray Department too. What he had learned, and what he had not learned I don't know.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—May I then know whether any promise was held out to him that he would be entertained in the Department, when he returns after X-ray study ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No, he is already in the Department.

The appointment of Mr. M. C. Poulose in the Medical Department.

425. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar .—Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) When was Mr. M. C. Poulose, L. M. P., appointed in the Medical Department ?

(ii) Is it a fact that he was appointed on the special recommendation of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ?

(iii) Was there any special necessity or any other special reason for the appointment ?

(iv) Was there any provision made for making this appointment in this year's budget ?

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APPENDIX VI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 415.)

Caste	Revenue Inspectors	Parvatiams	Menons
Brahmins ..	12	28	30
Nayars ..	4	120	129
Ezhuvas ..	1	4	11
Christians ..	2	5	18
Muhammadans ..	...	2	1
Others ..	1	2	7

APPENDIX VII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 420)

1.	General Hospital, Ernakulam	Rs. 0 4 0
2.	Women's Hospital, Mattancheri	,, 0 2 9·8
3.	Civil Hospital, Trichur	,, 0 2 11
4.	Chalakkudi Hospital	,, 0 1 9·01
5.	Maternity Hospital, Trichur	,, 0 2 6
6.	Irinjalakkuda Hospital	,, 0 2 6·26
7.	Kunnamkulam Hospital	,, 0 2 11·3
8.	Chittur Hospital	,, 0 2 9
9.	Nemmara Hospital	,, 0 2 10

APPENDIX VIII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 424.)

Petition dated 18th Meenam 1100 from Assistant Surgeon Mr. C. L. Joseph.

"I beg to bring to your kind consideration the following few lines of humble petition.

I read in the Government Gazette, dated 8th Meenam 1100 that Dr. T. Verghese was appointed as an additional Civil Surgeon.

In this connection may I respectfully remind that I possess the necessary qualifications for the post of a Civil Surgeon, that I have put in more than 9 years' service, and that soon after my return from England I was promised the next Civil Surgeoncy.

But I have also been told that the present post is only a special appointment as an X-rayist, though no mention of it has been made in the Gazette.

May I respectfully hope that in this appointment my claim for the post of a Civil Surgeon has not been over-looked and that it will remain as a special appointment only."

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